

House Resolution 1820

By: Representatives Burns of the 157th, Lane of the 158th, McCall of the 30th, Smith of the 70th, Crawford of the 127th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to pass meaningful
2 changes to protect threatened or endangered species; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, many citizens of Georgia are directly affected by actions taken under the
4 provisions of the Endangered Species Act; and

5 WHEREAS, on September 29, 2005, the United States House of Representatives passed H.R.
6 3824, the Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005 (TESRA) with
7 bipartisan support; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia Congressmen Sanford Bishop, Jack Kingston, Charlie Norwood, and
9 David Scott cosponsored TESRA, which was also supported by Georgia Congressmen John
10 Barrow, Nathan Deal, Phil Gingrey, John Linder, Jim Marshall, Tom Price, and Lynn
11 Westmoreland; and

12 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is home to 63 species of plants and animals on the Federal
13 Endangered and Threatened Species List; and

14 WHEREAS, the citizens of Georgia are performing many voluntary measures to help in the
15 conservation and recovery of species which are or may become listed as threatened or
16 endangered; and

17 WHEREAS, the current Endangered Species Act as structured has not created meaningful
18 incentives to engage private landowners in conservation and has failed to achieve its ultimate
19 aim in the recovery of endangered species; and

1 WHEREAS, TESRA will focus on species recovery, prioritize recovery efforts, expand the
2 role of states for managing listed species, and compensate landowners for their efforts in
3 species protection.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body urge the United States Congress and the President of the United
6 States to act soon on comprehensive Endangered Species Act reform that effectively
7 promotes species conservation and preservation within the State of Georgia and the United
8 States of America.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
11 Congressional delegation.